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1. AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE APRIL 7-8 EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING IN COPENHAGEN, FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING WAS ASKED WHETHER THE INCIDENT STEMMING FROM DANISH PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN'S COMMENTS ON THE FRENCH ELECTION IS NOW CLOSED. GISCARD ASSERTED THAT THE MATTER IS IN TH PAST BUT SAID A LESSON SHOULD BE DRAWN FROM WHAT HAPPENED.

2. POINTING OUT THAT ELECTIONS FREQUENTLY OCCUR IN THE NINE MEMBER STATES, HE SAID ALL EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO INTERVENE IN POLITICS NOT THEIR OWN, ADDING THAT HE PERSONALLY HAD NEVER ANSWERED A QUESTION ON ELECTIONS IN ANOTHER MEMBER STATE.

3. GISCARD THEN RECALLED THE TRADITIONAL GOOD RELATIONS BE-
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TWEEN FRANCE AND DENMARK, TWO COUNTRIES WHICH HE SAID HARE THE SAME CONFEDERAL VIEW OF EUROPE AND WHICH HAVE SIMILAR VIEWS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS. HE PRAISED DENMARK'S "WORLDWIDE" APPROACH, AS WELL AS DANISH SENSITIVITY TO THE NEEDS AND DIFFICULTIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES, AND HE POINTED
OUT TWO
AREAS WHERE HE BELIEVES THE TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD DEVELOP

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CLOSER TIES: BILATERAL TRADE AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES.

4. GISCARD CONCLUDED BY SAYING HE LOOKED FORWARD TO WELCOMING QUEEN MARGRETHE DURING HER VISIT TO FRANCE IN OCTOBER.
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